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BSCC Finds LA Juvenile Halls Unsuitable for Confinement of Minors

SACRAMENTO (Sept. 16, 2021) – The Board of State and Community Corrections found both Los Angeles County juvenile halls, Barry J. Nidorf and Central Juvenile Hall, unsuitable for the confinement of youth, a vote that requires the county to either remediate violations of the Board's regulations or, after receiving a 60-day notice, remove the young people from the facilities.

In February 2021, the juvenile halls were found to be out of compliance with several of the Board's regulations, which required the Probation Department to develop a corrective action plan. Although the department remediated many of the violations, they continued to be out of compliance with several health and safety regulations, including not providing physical exams within 96 hours of admission and incorrectly documenting the use of psychotropic medications.

After making the finding of unsuitability, the Board further directed BSCC staff to issue the 60-day notice by Oct. 1, 2021 and continue ongoing monitoring of the department's use of restraints and use of room confinement and to reinspect the facilities prior to the next Board meeting. The Board will reinspect the juvenile halls and make a further determination of suitability at the next board meeting, on Nov. 18, 2021.

To read the BSCC reports presented to the Board, click here:

Board Report: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Special-Order-of-Business-WIC-209d-Suitability-Determination-FINAL.pdf>

Supplemental Information: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Supplemental-Report-WIC-209d-Suitability-Determination-Supplemental-Report-Final-9-15-21.pdf>

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